

# The world around us



## Reception Spring 1

The Big Idea: We will be learning about the world around us through animals and the countries they live in. We will be learning about London through the eyes of Paddington.

We will learn to develop our resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

### Communication and Language

We will be...

- Interacting in the role play and small world areas
- Using Helicopter stories to tell our own stories
- Learning how to be a good Talk Partner
- Learning the Phase 3 sounds

At Home:

- Spend time talking to your child about their day

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be....

- Learning about having a Growth Mindset
- Setting challenges for our own learning

At Home:

- Talk about the challenges you face in your work or home life and how you have persevered

### Physical Development

We will be....

- Practising correct pre-cursive letter formation
- Participating in Write Dance
- Developing our fine motor skills to help us with our writing

At Home:

- Develop finger strength with fine motor games and activities
- Offer opportunities to draw and write

### Literacy

We will be....

- Reading story books about animals that live in different countries
- Reading books about our capital city, London
- Reading non-fiction books about the weather

At Home:

- Read stories with your children every day
- When they have a reading book listen to them read every day

### Mathematics

We will be....

- Focusing on the numbers 1-10 in relation to measurement, time, shape, counting and subitising.
- Using our knowledge to reason and problem solve
- Learning the names and properties of 3D shapes

At Home:

- Talk about 3D shapes in the environment
- Practise estimating, counting and checking everyday objects

### Understanding the World

We will be....

- Thinking about caring for our environment
- Looking at maps of London
- Looking at the habitats of different animals
- Learning about the weather

At Home:

- Talk about how they can care for their immediate environment - their home
- Observe and discuss the weather

### Expressive Arts & Design

We will be....

- Looking at and reproducing animal prints and patterns
- Creating art in nature in the style of Andy Goldsworthy

At Home:

- Make your own art in the garden or the park with sticks, stones or leaves or whatever you can find